



Proclamation

Presented

Operation: Military Kids

WHEREAS, Operation Military Kids (OMK) is an initiative launched by the United States Army in 2005, and it's main mission is to support the children and youth impacted by deployment in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Operation Military Kids (OMK) is part of the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project, is a vital part of the Army Integrated Family Support Network (AIFSN) delivery system nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Operation Military Kids (OMK) Team Members in Hawai'i include the Branches of the Armed Services, including U.S. Army; U.S. Army Pacific; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Air Force Reserve, U.S. Army Guard, U.S. Air Guard; and community partners such as the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of America, American Legion, Kama'aina Kids; and the State of Hawai'i, Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Operation Military Kids (OMK) provides children whose parent(s) are deployed with resources and support they need to help them understand and cope with the complications of deployment, such as its "Operation Give a Hug" Daddy Doll project;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2011, as

"Month of the Military Child"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing all military children the courage they demonstrate when parent(s) are deployed and fighting to protect America's Freedom.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i